

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th December 2010

IRTS 80M Counties Contest

The 80m Counties Contest this year will be held on Monday the 3rd, the Bank Holiday. Rules in Echo Ireland and on the IRTS web site.

7P8CC

Gerry Gervin EI8CC, former Hon. Secretary of the IRTS and new Irish ambassador to Lesotho will soon be QRV on CW & SSB as 7P8CC. The final items of Gerry's equipment have been shipped to Lesotho, so expect to hear him on the air soon.

A9 QSL Bureau

It should be noted that in so far as the A9 bureau is concerned, it appears only to handle incoming cards. There are no outgoing A9 bureau facilities.

Therefore outgoing bureau cards rely on an A9 licensee having outgoing bureau facilities elsewhere, perhaps via a QSL manager, this update was kindly provided from Dave EI3IO A92IO

Icelandic Allocations

The national association of Icelandic Radio Amateurs is pleased to announce that as of December 13, 2010 continued access for Icelandic licensees has been secured on the 500 kHz, 5 MHz and 70 MHz bands.

THE 4 METER ALLOCATION. Frequency span: 70.000-70.200 MHz. Access is granted on secondary basis. Maximum bandwidth is 16 kHz and power limit is 100W.

THE 60 METER ALLOCATION. Frequency span: 5.260-5.410 MHz. Access is granted on secondary basis. Permissible modes are J3E (USB) and A1A and maximum bandwidth is 3 kHz. Power limit is 100W.

THE 600 METER ALLOCATION. Frequency span: 493-510 kHz. Access is granted on secondary basis. Permissible mode: A1A. Power limit is 100W.

HOPE-OSCAR 68 HO-68 celebrates first birthday

This week AMSAT China noted the first anniversary of the amateur radio satellite XW-1, also known as Hope-Oscar 68 HO-68.

SO-67 FM Amateur Radio transponder suspended

There are reports that the South African FM Amateur Radio transponder on the Sumbandila Satellite SO-67 is being temporarily suspended due to a probable radiation event.

It is planned to try to have the Transponder reset sometime in January.

DX News

DK1CE is due to be active from Namibia using the call V5/DK1CE from now until 6th January. Look for him on 160m- 10m CW only. QSLs go via his home call.

During the period 6th to 10th January WW3S will be in Bermuda and will appear on the HF bands as VP9/WW3S from VP9GE's QTH. QSL via Logbook of the World or to his callbook address.

Also taking a holiday in early January is K8PGJ who is heading to the Cayman Islands for a bit of scuba diving. When not in the water he will sign ZF2PG. He should be QRV till 9th January. QSLs via the home call.

JK1FNL will show up from the Maldives with the call 8Q7FF from 4th to 9th January.

XE1/DJ4EL will be on the air from Mexico from now until 9th January when he travels to Belize and during the following few weeks hopes to active four IOTA islands there as V31ME.

This week in History

1741 Astronomer Anders Celcius introduces Centigrade temperature scale

1947 Transistor invented at Bell Telephone Labs. USA.

Happy Christmas

The IRTS Radio Newsteam would like to wish all SWL's and Radio Amateurs a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to "charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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